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30. (Amended) Use of a method as claimed in claim 1 [any one of the claims 1-23, or an apparatus as claimed in any one of claims 24-28], for providing channel prioritization based upon said priority levels when interconnecting ports of a data switching or routing apparatus.

Please add the following new claims:

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31. (New) Use of an apparatus as claimed in claim 24, for specifying different traffic service classes based upon said priority levels when operating a communication network.

32. (New) Use of an apparatus as claimed in claim 24, for providing channel prioritization based upon said priority levels when interconnecting ports of a data switching or routing apparatus.

REMARKS

Claims 3-20 and 28-30 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claims 2, 13, 20 and 28 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors. Thus, no charge for multiple dependent claims should be made in calculating the filing fee. New claims 31 and 32 have been added. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

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